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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 2, 2003 (Paper No. 11), for which a response was due January 2, 2004. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the deadline for response to February 2, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.